

HYRUM SHELTON AND EMMALYN SULSER SHELTON



Hyrum Shelton, son of Stephen and Abigail Harris Shelton, was born March 10, 1848, at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa. He married Emmalyn Sulser November 6, 1879, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Died November 3, 1901, in Midway.

Emmalyn Sulser Shelton, daughter of Casper and Katherine Steidler Sulser, was born December 18, 1856, Monticello, New York. Married Hyrum Shelton. Died December 29, 1930, Midway.

Hyrum came to Utah with his parents in the Captain Melvin Ross Ox Team Company in the year of 1848.

They located in Provo, later moving on a farm about three miles out of Provo, where Hyrum lived with his parents until Indians began taking their pigs and chickens and destroying their gardens. They then moved into Provo to fortify themselves with the other settlers in the fort until the Indian troubles were settled.

Hyrum's father, Stephen Shelton, died in 1853, at Provo. Hyrum's mother, Abigail, was left a widow with seven children to care for.

About the time when Hyrum was 14 years old, his mother moved into Provo Valley. She brought her children with her and settled in what was called the Lower Settlement. Hyrum and his brothers worked for the farmers, hauling hay, threshing and herding cows, to help care for their mother and the younger children.

When Indian troubles again started they moved into Fort Midway. Hyrum, by this

time, was old enough to be enrolled into the infantry company under Ira Jacobs, where he continued to help protect the fort and valley until the Indian depredations were over.

Hyrum homesteaded 60 acres of land in the northern part of Midway. With his brothers' help he built a log cabin with three rooms and a large attic, where they moved their mother, Abigail. She lived there for a number of years, and then she moved to Vernal.

Hyrum sold 10 acres of his Homestead to Mr. Strong. Later, in 1887, Mr. Strong sold it to Mr. Andrew Luke where Mr. Luke established "Lukes Hot Pots Resort."

Hyrum was a farmer, a day laborer, and a miner. He was a Black Hawk War veteran.

About the year 1899, in the late summer, he was working at a prospect mine in the white pines in the mountains near Midway. After the days work, and on his way home, his horse run away and in turning the corner over the canal bridge, the horse fell on him crushing his leg so badly that it had to be amputated above the knee. He lived two years after his accident.

Emmalyn came to Utah with her parents in Captain Joseph W. Young's Company. She was five years old when they left New York to come to Utah. She walked a great part of the way. When she became too tired to walk, her two older sisters, Margaret and Susanna took turns carrying her.

She remembered how after a rainstorm they would have to dry out the strips of rawhide that had been carefully tacked on the wheels of their hand-carts to hold the spokes so that they would not fall out. When the rawhide got wet it stretched and let the spokes loosen.

Arriving in Salt Lake City after a long and trying journey, they settled in Big Cottonwood. Later they moved to Provo Valley, living in what was known as the Upper Settlement.

After her marriage to Hyrum, she moved about one mile out of town to his three-room log cabin where she lived the balance of her life except for four years when she moved from the cabin to a frame house.

She was the mother of eight children. Her husband, Hyrum, died when the youngest child, Edith, was four years old. Emma was left a widow with eight children to care for and rear. She had a small farm with sev-

eral cows. She sold the milk to the Creamery.

The two boys worked as day laborers and chore boys. The girls worked together with their mother taking in washing. They were a happy family and loved their mother very much.

Children of Hyrum and Emmalyn Shelton:

Hyrum Jr., married Ora Galli;

Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Meeks. Later married William Luke;

Joseph Shelton;

Katherine, died in youth;

Emma, died in youth;

Martha Jane;

Mrs. Charles Franklin (Cordelia) Luke;

Mrs. James Thomas (Edith) Wilson.